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Specification including Claims - 61 pages
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Drawings - 34 sheets
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This patent application is a divisional of pending prior Application No. 09/408,993, filed on September 29, 1999 which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/263,415 filed March 5, 1999, which issued October 15, 2002 as United States Patent No. 6,463,773. The entire disclosures of the prior applications, from which a copy of the Declaration is enclosed, is considered as being part of the

disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated therein by reference.

The parent application is assigned to STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION.

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